GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHINESE MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese missile sale to Pakistan in the recent times has become a major threat to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the US has decided to impose sanctions on a top Chinese arms manufacturer for continued sale of missiles technology and components to Pakistan in defiance of an agreement reached in November 2000 in this regard;

(d) if so, the extent to which it is likely to check the missile sale to Pakistan; and

(e) the steps being taken by India in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) Government is aware of numerous reports on continued Chinese assistance to Pakistan`s missile development programme. Government constantly monitors all developments having a bearing on national security.

(c), (d) After the detection of several shipments of missile components from China to Pakistan earlier this year, the US had imposed sanctions on the concerned Chinese and Pakistani entities. It has also been reported that the US has raised this issue of China`s continued non-compliance with the November 2000 commitments on non-proliferation at several high level meetings. China maintains that its military co-operation with Pakistan conforms to the existing international regime on non-proliferation.

(e) Government constantly reviews all developments and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation`s security in accordance with its own assessments of threats thereto.